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1. COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IN SERIOUS TROUBLE IN AFRICAN GROUP.
ACCORDING KENYAN AND NIGERIAN REPS, GROUP HELD LONG, DIFFICULT
INCONCLUSIVE MEETING. MAIN RINGLEADERS OF OPPOSITION APPEAR
BE DAHOMEY, TOGO, MOROCCO, ALGERIAN AND AS NEAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE
IN THAT ORDER.
2. AFRICAN DEMANDS RANGE FROM SIMPLE DESIRE PUT ORIGINAL AFRICAN
ADDITIONAL ARTICLE TO VOTE TO PROPOSALS TO TOUGHEN COMPROMISE BY
PROVIDING RIGHT TO RESERVE ON ARTICLE 6.
3. NIGERIAN AND KENYAN DELS SAID THEY BELIEVED THERE STILL CHANCE
THEY CAN BRING AFRICAN GROUP AROUND AND GONZALEZ GALVEZ TOYING WITH
IDEA PUTTING EXISTING COMPROMISE BEFORE COMITE WHETHER AFRICAN
GROUP LIKES IT OR NOT.
4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT CURIOUS DAHOMEY AND TOGO TAKING
ACTIVE RADICAL LINE IN AFRICAN GROUP. FRENCH DO NOT LIKE
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CONVENTION AND FIND THEMSELVES IN DIFFICULT POSITION OF BEING

SOLE WESTERN STATE WITH FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE AGAINST COMPROMISE. AUSTRALIANS TELL US ALGERIANS LET THEM KNOW FRENCH WERE ENCOURAGING THE TROUBLE. REGRETTABLY WE FIND THIS PLAUSIBLE. FRENCH OF COURSE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT GIVEN WEO GROUP ANY HINT OF BEING UP TO SUCH TRICKS.

5. SEO GROUP MET AND DECIDED, WITH EXCEPTION FRANCE AND PROTUGAL, TO RAISE NO OBJECTION TO COMPROMISE. GROUP DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT FURTHER PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATION OF COMPROMISE FROM AFRICANS. DISCUSSION THEN CENTERED ON WHETHER, IF COMPROMISE FAILED, TO SEEK TO DEFEAT AFRICAN AMENDMENT, TRY TO POSTPONE ITEM UNTIL NEXT YEAR OR TRY TO KILL ITEM ENTIRELY. DELOFF AND ALL OTHERS WHO SPOKE ON THIS IN GROUP TOOK POSITION THAT AFRICAN AMENDMENT TOO LIKELY TO BE ADOPTED IN SIXTH COMITE TO TAKE CHANCE OF VOTING ON IT AND THIS RESULT WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY BAND DEVELOPMENT EVEN IF WE COULD KILL EITHER ARTICLE OR CONVENTION IN PLENARY WITH BLOCKING THIRD. CONSEQUENTLY, DELOFF URGED WE MOVE BEFOE AFRICAN AMENDMENT PUT TO VOTE. DELOFF URGED THAT SITUATION LIKELY DETERIORATE BETWEEN THIS YEAR AND NEXT AND CONSEQUENTLY ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE BETTER THAN ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT YEAR. INFORMAL POLL OF GROUP SHOWED 4 IN FAVOR POSTPONEMENT SINE DIE AND 12 IN FAVOR POST-PONEMENT UNTIL NEXT YEAR. IT AGREED GROUP WOULD AVOID TAKING LEAD FOR POSTPONEMENT AND WOULD SUPPORT EITHER POSTPONEMENT TO NEXT YEAR OR SINE DIE, WHICHEVER SURFACES. IF POSTPONEMENT DOES NOT SURFACE FROM ELSEWHERE BROMS (FINLAND) WILL PROPOSE POST-PONEMENT TO NEXT GA.

6 AUSTRALIANS ASKED US PRIVATELY WHETHER WE SAW ANY PURPOSE THEIR OFFERING AFRICANS FURTHER COMPROMISE OF INCLUSION PARA ON NATIONAL LIBERATION IN PREAMBLE OF CONVENTION, WE PRESSED THEM HARD AND THEY CONSENTED TO DO NO SUCH THING AND GIVE NO INDICATION TO ANY OF NON-ALIGNED THEY OR ANY ONE ELSE WOULD ACCEPT ANY SUCH THING. IN RESPONSE THEIR QUERY WHETHER WE TOTALLY CLOSE-MINDED ON SUCH A DEAL, WE INDICATED WE CERTAINLY NOT FAVORABLY INCLINED BUT IF NUMBER OF AFRICANS

BEGGED FOR ACCEPTANCE SUCH A DEAL WE WOULD REPORT IT TO WASHINGTON.

7. GONZALEZ GALVEZ INTENDS BRING ISSUE TO COMITE DEC 1 WHETHER OR NOT THERE AGREEMENT.

8. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE WEST HAS MADE EVERY RESONABLE EFFORT TOWARD COMPORMISE AND SEE NO PURPOSE IN PROLONGING THE AGONY
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IF AFRICANS DO NOT ACCEPT CURRENT COMPORMISE UNLESS CHANGES THEY SUGGEST ARE CLEARLY HARMLESS. IF GONZALEZ GALVEZ FORCES VOTE ON COMPORMISE WE WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR. IF IT FAILS OR NOT PUT TO VOTE WE WILL SUPPORT POSTPONEMENT.
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